

Senate Bill No. 1062

CHAPTER 210

An act to amend Section 10004 of, and to add Section 10004.5 to, the Water Code, relating to water.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1062, Poochigian. The California Water Plan.

Existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to update, every 5 years, The California Water Plan, which is the plan for the control, protection, conservation, development, and utilization of the water resources of the state.

This bill would require the department to establish a prescribed advisory committee to assist the department in the updating of the plan. The bill would require the department, in connection with the updating of the plan, to include in the plan a discussion of various strategies, including those strategies relating to the development of new water storage facilities, water conservation and recycling, desalination, conjunctive use, and water transfers, that may be pursued to meet the future water needs of the state, as prescribed. The bill would make related legislative findings and declarations.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) A long-term, reliable supply of water is essential to protect the productivity of California's businesses and economic climate.

(b) The Department of Finance projects that California's population will increase to over 47 million persons by 2020, increasing the need for the development of additional safe and reliable water supplies that are critical to the health, safety, and welfare of all Californians, including the state's future generations.

(c) Water-related infrastructure investment needs are growing rapidly as a result of a growing population and economy, environmental and public health requirements, and aging water delivery systems.

(d) The Department of Water Resources projects that Californians will experience chronic water shortages, as early as 2000, unless actions are taken to increase the amount of developed water available for use in California.



(e) Water conservation, water recycling, voluntary water transfers, conjunctive use, and desalination programs and projects will continue to be an integral part of California's water management strategy.

(f) The review, planning, and development of new water storage facilities and the renewed operation or enlargement of existing water storage facilities should be pursued to ensure that a reliable, high quality supply of water is available to meet the current and future needs of all beneficial uses of water, including urban, agricultural, and environmental uses.

SEC. 2. Section 10004 of the Water Code is amended to read:

10004. (a) The plan for the orderly and coordinated control, protection, conservation, development, and utilization of the water resources of the state which is set forth and described in Bulletin No. 1 of the State Water Resources Board entitled "Water Resources of California," Bulletin No. 2 of the State Water Resources Board entitled, "Water Utilization and Requirements of California," and Bulletin No. 3 of the department entitled, "The California Water Plan," with any necessary amendments, supplements, and additions to the plan, shall be known as "The California Water Plan."

(b) (1) The department shall update The California Water Plan every five years. The department shall report the amendments, supplements, and additions included in the updates of The California Water Plan, together with a summary of the department's conclusions and recommendations, to the Legislature in the session in which the updated plan is issued.

(2) The department shall establish an advisory committee, comprised of representatives of agricultural and urban water suppliers, local government, business, production agriculture, and environmental interests, and other interested parties, to assist the department in the updating of The California Water Plan. The department shall consult with the advisory committee in carrying out this section.

(3) The department shall release a preliminary draft of The California Water Plan, as updated, upon request, to interested persons and entities throughout the state for their review and comments. The department shall provide these persons and entities an opportunity to present written or oral comments on the preliminary draft. The department shall consider these comments in the preparation of the final publication of The California Water Plan, as updated.

SEC. 3. Section 10004.5 is added to the Water Code, to read:

10004.5. As part of the requirement of the department to update The California Water Plan pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 10004, the department shall include in the plan a discussion of various strategies, including, but not limited to, those relating to the development of new water storage facilities, water conservation,



water recycling, desalination, conjunctive use, and water transfers that may be pursued in order to meet the future water needs of the state. The department shall include in the plan a discussion of the potential advantages and disadvantages of each strategy and an identification of all federal and state permits, approvals, or entitlements that are anticipated to be required in order to implement the various components of the strategy.

